

**Statement of
UIL HOLDINGS CORPORATION**

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE
Re: RAISED HOUSE BILL 6650
AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS
March 19, 2013**

Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone and members of the Commerce Committee. My name is Patrick McDonnell and I am the Director of Conservation and Load Management for The United Illuminating Company ("UI"), a subsidiary of the UIL Holdings Corporation. Please accept this testimony on **Raised House Bill 6650- AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.**

This bill would create funding for oil energy efficiency installations that would be done in conjunction with the current programs that are funded by electric and gas ratepayers. UI applauds the efforts outlined in this bill as a means by which the State of Connecticut can be a leader in energy efficiency investment, and set an example of for all the residents of Connecticut to follow.

Governor Malloy has a stated objective for Connecticut to be the national leader in energy efficiency programs. UI, as well as the other utilities delivering efficiency programs, has a long history of delivering high quality energy efficiency programs for the benefit of Connecticut consumers.

UI has extensive experience in creating energy efficiency programs, and has knowledgeable staff as well as the required systems and processes necessary to deliver these programs. This bill would utilize that experience to deliver energy savings for oil heated homes. As a regulated utility, we have established oversight to insure transparency and accountability for all energy efficiency program expenditures. We would welcome an opportunity to offer this expertise in energy efficiency to assist oil customers in saving energy.

The United Illuminating Company supports House Bill 6650 as drafted. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. You may direct your questions concerning these comments to Carlos Vazquez, UIL's Senior Director of Government Relations, at (203) 521-2455.